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Mar. 16, 1945

Seaman First Class Joseph J. Volk writes the Press: "This is to inform you that my address has been changed. As you probably already know I was a gunner aboard a tanker. She came in for repairs and I was taken off, so here I find myself back aboard another tanker, only she is a new one just recently launched. She sure is a beauty.

"The Press is usually a month or two old when I get it, but nevertheless its news from back home. By receiving the Press I sort of keep up with the doings back in Jasper and with all my buddies wherever they may be."

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Lieutenant Burl W. Slater, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi A. Slater of Yale, who recently graduated as an Air Force pilot at Columbus, Mississippi.

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Five Jasper county men are receiving their initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. Where their recruit training is completed, these men will receive a period of leave. They are:

Shelby J. Hartleroad, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hartleroad, and Glenard R. Bunton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bunton of Newton; Kenneth W. Lindsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsay of Yale; Ira W. Short, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva I. Short, and Warren J. Yockey, son of Mrs. Emma F. White of Willow Hill.

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Private First Class Robert F. Fear, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fear of Willow Hill, is now in France and according to his letters finds the French people very friendly. Before leaving New York, he visited his brother, Sergeant Azoor C. Fear, who does office work at the New York Port of Embarkation in Brooklyn. The brothers had not seen each other for over two years.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Garner of Latona vicinity are in receipt of a letter from their son, Coxwain William Garner, stating that he was all right, having come unharmed through four recent naval engagements, making his twentieth engagement since the war began.

He said that he was in the Leyte landings and the battle of Lingayen gulf and two others he couldn't tell about. The Lingeyen gulf battle was one of the greatest naval battles of all time.

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Technical Sergeant Marion Bur-  
cham Jr. is now enroute to the India-  
Burma theatre of operations, after a  
furlough at home. He served eigh-  
teen months in the Southwest Pacific  
as a gunner on B-24 and B-25 bomb-  
ers. He was awarded the Air medal  
with three Oak Leaf clusters.

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Don Selby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Or-  
val Selby of Willow Hill, has applied  
for enlistment in the United States  
Navy at the local recruiting office.  
He will go to Springfield the last of  
the week for final examination and  
enlistment.

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Corporal Corwin Manning, who is  
stationed at Turner field, Albany,  
Georgia, has been spending a furlough  
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl  
Manning of near West Liberty. He is  
returning today.

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Private First Class John Delbert  
Wilson of Tyler, Texas is here on  
furlough visiting his wife and son,  
and his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A.  
Wilson of East Reynolds street New-  
ton.

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Apprentice Seaman Robert H.  
Dhom has returned to the Great  
Lakes after a nine day leave with  
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold  
Dhom and family of near Newton.